

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: WDFW AUTHORIZED NET PEN PROJECTS

Description of Proposal:

This proposal is intended to cover the installation and removal of fish net pens (both WDFW operated and cooperator operated) at various locations throughout Washington. At the present time this would include approximately 25 net pen projects. This proposal does not cover, and will not include in the future, any commercially operated net pen projects. This proposal covers the installation and removal of net pens only and not any associated fish rearing activities. For cooperator (non-WDFW) operated net pens projects, those fish rearing activities are covered under separate agreements with the WDFW. Cooperators are responsible for installation and removal of net pens and obtaining all other necessary permits. Projects that are included in this proposal have previously been reviewed by WDFW and Tribal/Federal co-managers and have been established in the Future Brood Document as approved projects. During the review process, project suitability (location, size, number etc.) for a given site is considered. To be considered for inclusion under a programmatic HPA, future projects will first need to be established through the Future Brood Document project review and approval process.

Proponent:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Statewide, Washington.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Environmental Document Being Withdrawn: Determination of Nonsignificance for WDFW AUTHORIZED NET PEN PROJECTS- April 7, 2010 (SEPA # 10-023)

WDFW is considering making substantial changes to this proposal based upon an evaluation of new information that was brought to our attention during the comment period. A new threshold determination will be made upon completion of the proposal revision.

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